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ADMINISTRATION AND THE CSCE

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1. WE HAVE DELIVERED THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE
CONTAINED IN STATE 174067 TO FOREIGN MINISTER
KARJALAINEN.
2. AS INDICATED IN REFTELS AND MANY OTHER RECENT
TELEGRAMS FROM HERE, FINLAND, IS, AT THIS TIME--
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE--A ONE-ISSUE COUNTRY IN
FOREIGN POLICY. THAT ISSUE IS OF COURSE THE CSCE
AND ITS HOPED-FOR THIRD STAGE FINAL SUMMIT LEVEL
MEETING IN HELSINKI BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.
3. WHILE I FULLY REALIZE THAT THE SECRETARY AND
THE DEPARTMENT IS WRESTLING WITH MANY PROBLEMS
DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, I AM CONFIDENT
THAT THE FORMULATION OF OUR CSCE POLICY ALSO GOES
ON UNINTERRUPTED.
4. IN THE INTEREST OF OUR RELATIONS WITH FINLAND,
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I WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION

TO TELL PRESIDENT KEKKONEN IN CONFIDENCE THAT ANY FEARS THAT THE FINNS MAY HAVE THAT THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE THE CAUSE OF ANY SLIPPAGE ON CSCE, IS UNFOUNDED.

5. I WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT WISH TO MISLEAD KEKKONEN. NOR AM I TRYING TO INTERJECT MYSELF INTO THE CSCE NEGOTIATIONS OR ANY SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS THEREOF. HAVING SAID THIS, I DO FEEL THAT WE WOULD BE DOING THE RIGHT THING IN TALKING TO KEKKONEN, IN EXPLAINING TO HIM THAT WE ARE CONTINUING WITH OUR EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS ATTAINED SO FAR AT THE CSCE, ARE ACTIVELY CONSULTING WITH OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES, AND ARE PROCEEDING IN THE FORMULATION OF OUR POLICY FOR THE POST SUMMER-RECESS STAGE IN THE SAME ENERGETIC AND SERIOUS MANNER AS BEFORE THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION; OR WHATEVER OTHER RELEVANT POINTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO HAVE EMPHASIZED.

6. WE COULD PERHAPS ALSO POINT OUT TO KEKKONEN AGAIN THAT THE LEVEL OF THE THIRD STAGE STILL, AS BEFORE, DEPENDS ON THE RESULTS OF STAGE TWO, AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN OUR POSITION ON THIS-FOR OR AGAINST A "HIGHEST" LEVEL MEETING.

7. ALTHOUGH A SPECIAL MEETING CAN ALWAYS BE ARRANGED WITH KEKKONEN ON FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE, PARTICULARLY ABOUT CSCE, ANOTHER VEHICLE FOR THE "MESSAGE" MIGHT BE IN CONNECTION WITH DELIVERING PRESIDENT FORD'S THANK YOU FOR KEKKONEN'S CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM (REF HELSINKI 1553).

8. I AWAIT THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS.
KREHBIEL

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